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5. [] LEGISLATION Attended a conference called by Dr. David Elliott, of the National Security Council, concerning the draft legislation to implement the convention on biological weapons. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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6. [] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Talked to Allen Yuspeh, of Senator Bennett Johnston's (D., La.) office, and told him we would be happy to brief the Senator on the Middle East situation. Yuspeh asked if we could do that at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 3 December. I said this might be inconvenient, but I would check and let him know.

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7. [] BRIEFING Accompanied [] DC/NE Division, to a session with Richard Perle and Dorothy Fosdick, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff. He was able to satisfy them on all Agency-related questions concerning Barzani's recent visit to the United States and also provided them excellent insight into the overall situation.

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8. [] AGENCY VISIT Met with Patrick Shea, of the Senate Select Committee, and discussed certain matters relating to the legislative history of the National Security Act of 1947 and the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949.

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9. [] LEGISLATION In response to his call earlier to Mr. Cary, I called Jim Oliver, OMB. He advised that OMB was strongly opposed to S. 2515 at this time and was requesting all agencies in submitting their comments, not to include any recommended language changes to the bill, in order to meet their objectives. I told him that this would present no problem and we would revise our report accordingly.

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22. [] LIAISON Called Dorothy Fosdick, Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff, in response to her call of Friday asking that Carl Duckett, DDS&T, come up to brief Richard Perle, also of that Subcommittee, and her on SALT I and compliance. I told her that Mr. Duckett has a very tight schedule today and asked if the briefing couldn't be given tomorrow morning. She seemed to think we were procrastinating and said they would have to ask Carl if he has to clear his position with the Secretary of State. She said they had asked for and expected to get the briefing today; since she couldn't get it, she assumes that there is some sort of clearance involved. I told her that Carl Duckett has a few other things to do that are as important as her briefing if not more so, and he just did not have the time to arrange it today with the necessary review of material that is involved. I told her that Mr. Duckett was perfectly willing to brief them at 10:30 tomorrow. She finally agreed, but said they would still ask Carl if he had to get clearance from Mr. Kissinger.

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23. [] LIAISON Called Marian Czarnecki, House International Relations Committee staff, and told him that the Director was sending a letter to Chairman Thomas Morgan (D., Pa.) concerning the leak of his [] testimony on [] before the full House International Relations Committee. I said the Director had no other choice and Czarnecki agreed. He said he would be sure the Chairman focuses on the letter as soon as it arrives.

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I asked Czarnecki if he could let us have a copy of the open testimony of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on 6 November and he said he would make it available.

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RIGHTS ISRAELI TOLL IN A NEW WAR SEEN

Colby Says Military Power
Is Growing but He Places
Death Estimate at 8,000

By BERNARD GWERTZMAN

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20

William E. Colby, the Director of Central Intelligence, has surprised Israel's supporters on Capitol Hill by asserting that Israel's military superiority over the Arabs was increasing but that in another Middle East war Israel would probably suffer 8,000 dead, more than three times the 2,500 fatalities in the October 1973 war.

His analysis, made at a closed-door session of the House International Relations Committee on Nov. 12, was disclosed by a Congressional source today, as pro-Israeli members of Congress sought to refute Mr. Colby's estimate that Israel was increasing its forces in relation to the Arabs. They charged that Mr. Colby had counted only Egypt and Syria as Israel's foes in any future war, whereas Libya, Saudi Arabia, and other Arab states would help Egypt and Syria.

Some Infer Defeat

Moreover, the estimate of 8,000 killed in another three-week war startled many members of Congress who were at the hearing. They insisted today that such a loss would amount to a "defeat" for Israel, given its small population.

Mr. Colby's assertion that Israel was increasing its superiority over the Arabs was mentioned by Senator J. Bennett Johnston Jr., Democrat of Louisiana, to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger during a hearing of a Senate appropriations subcommittee.

Mr. Kissinger, who was defending the Administration's \$4.7 billion security assistance request, of which \$2.3 billion was for Israel, said he had not read Mr. Colby's testimony.

Senator M. Johnston said that the C.I.A. and the defense intelligence agency had concluded that Israel had sufficient forces to last it through 1980, but Mr. Kissinger pointed out that the intelligence agencies had miscalculated in 1973 when they

Mr. Kissinger also said that the request for \$1.5 billion in military assistance for Israel was based on an interagency study, which included Pentagon and C.I.A. representatives.

After the hearing today, Mr. Kissinger told reporters that he was summoning home Malcolm Toon, the Ambassador to Israel, and envoys to Arab countries to discuss the next phase in Middle East diplomacy.

Mr. Kissinger has pressed for a new round of Syrian-Israeli talks, but now seems to be leaning toward asking the Russians to support an informal meeting of interested states to prepare for a Geneva, including participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

During a break in the hearing, Mr. Kissinger said that President Ford had asked him to retain the chairmanship of two key White House interagency committees even though he has given up his White House post of national security adviser to Mr. Ford. The committees are the verification panel, which deals with proposals for the talks on strategic arms limitation, and the Washington Special Action Group that is convened at times of international crises.

He Headed 6 Committees

As national security adviser for the last seven years, Mr. Kissinger headed six committees. That gave him, in a sense, power over every aspect of political-military affairs in Washington.

He is turning his national security chief's role to Lieut. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, his former deputy, who will head four of its committees: the 40 Committee, which oversees covert activities; the Defense Program Review Committee; the Senior Review Group; and the Intelligence Committee.

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